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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-6 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his election of species requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has set forth an election of species requirement with regard to the present application. The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

SPECIES	CLAIMS	FIGURES
I	1-3 and 5	2 and 3
II	4 and 6	4 and 5

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3 and 5 are generic to the two species identified above.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants has elected the species of Group I for initial examination. Applicants hereby elects claims 1-3 and 5 for initial examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested to act on the elected claims.

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.146 state that a reasonable number of species are permitted in a single application. The present application contains two (2) species. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's election of species requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable

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number of species are set forth in the present application.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's election of species requirement, claims 1-3 and 5 have been initially elected. If the Examiner does persist in his election of species requirement, Applicants reserve the right to proceed with the filing of a divisional application directed to non-elected species at a later date if they so desires.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

The Examiner has acknowledged the Priority Document filed on December 5, 2003. No further action is necessary.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicants. No further action is necessary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 5, 2003. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 should be sent to the undersigned at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

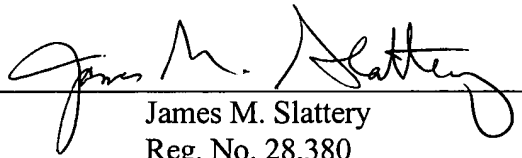
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Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to
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